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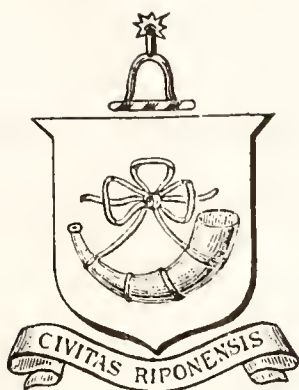
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THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

as at 31.12.67.

Chairman: Councillor E. I. Jones

Deputy Chairman: Alderman W. H. Parnaby, B.E.M.

Ald. Parnaby

Coun. Hornby

„ Pollard

„ Jones

„ Stephenson

„ Mrs. Thomson

Coun. Coverdale, M.A.

Ex-officio Member:

The Mayor (Alderman F. W. Spence)

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

Medical Officer of Health:

N. V. Hepple, M.D., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health:

Mary Polson, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.Obst., R.C.O.G.

Public Health Inspector:

W. L. Ingham, M.A.P.H.I.

Authorised Meat Inspector:

P. Rothwell (Commenced March, 1967)

R.S.H. Diploma in Food Hygiene,

R.S.H. Certificate in Meat Inspection.

Clerical Staff:

Mrs. A. C. Hague

Public Health Department,
Telephone Number: High Skellgate,
Ripon 2582 Ripon

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the City of Ripon.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present for your consideration the Annual Report on the health of the City and the work of your health department for the year 1967.

With the exception of measles, the year was characterised by an absence of notifiable infectious disease. The introduction of vaccination against measles should materially reduce the incidence of this disease.

The large amount of new building in the City in the last few years has resulted in an increase in the amount of sewage and storm water which is overtaking the capacity of some of the sewers. It is sincerely hoped that the Corporation's schemes for dealing with this problem will be proceeded with rapidly.

Increasing population and the volume of new legislation is continually adding to the amount of public health inspection work which is necessary. The provision of additional help for this side of the department's activities needs urgent consideration.

The report contains as usual an account of the County Council's health services in the area and this provides an overall picture of the local authority health services in the City.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H. N. HEPPLER,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS

Registrar General's estimate of population (mid 1967) ..	11,520
Area (in acres)	1,812
Number of inhabited houses, March 31st, 1967 ..	3,599
Rateable value, March 31st, 1967	£331,461
Sum represented by a penny rate, March 31st, 1967 ..	£1,320

SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Ripon is a market town for a large agricultural area. The industries carried on in the City include Paint and Varnish Manufacturing, Concrete Products and Agriculture.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1967

Live Births:					<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Legitimate .. .. .	..	..	..	..	171	88	83
Illegitimate .. .. .	..	..	..	..	20	7	13
Total ..					191	95	96
Crude birth rate per 1,000 population					16.6
Adjusted birth rate	15.1

Comparability Factor	0.91
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Still Births:					<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Legitimate	3	1	2
Illegitimate	1	—	1
Still birth rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births							20.5

Deaths					<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Crude death rate per 1,000 population					143	68	75
Adjusted death rate	12.4
					9.4

Comparability Factor	0.76
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Maternal Mortality:					<i>Rates per 1,000</i>	
					<i>Deaths</i>	<i>total births</i>
Puerperal Sepsis	—	—
Other Maternal Causes .. .. .	..	..	..	..	—	—

Infantile Mortality:					<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	1	—	1
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	—	—	—

Death rate of infants under 1 year of age:

All infants per 1,000 live births	..	..	..	5.2
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births	..	..	..	5.8
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births	..	..	..	—

NOTES ON VITAL STATISTICS

Births

The birth rate of 15.1 was lower than in 1966, and lower than the national rate of 17.2.

Deaths

The death rate of 9.4 showed a decrease compared with the previous year. The rate for England and Wales was 11.2.

The principal causes of death were as follows:—

Heart and circulatory diseases (excepting coronary disease and angina)	..	..	..	17
Coronary disease and angina	..	..	..	27
Vascular lesions of nervous system	..	..	..	35
Cancer and other new growth	..	..	..	24
Pneumonia, Bronchitis and other respiratory diseases	..	..	..	13

Together these groups accounted for more than three-quarters of the deaths from all causes.

Natural Increase of Population

The number of births exceeded the number of deaths by 48.

Infantile Mortality:

One child died under the age of one year, giving an infantile mortality rate of 5.2 per 1,000 live births. This compared with a rate of 16.1 for the previous year and 18.3 for England and Wales.

The baby, a female, died aged one month and the cause of death was broncho-pneumonia.

Maternal Mortality:

There were no maternal deaths in Ripon during 1967.

Causes of Death

Registrar-General's Return

Causes of Death		1967		
		Male	Female	Total
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	—	—	—
2	Tuberculosis, other	—	—	—
3	Syphilitic disease	—	—	—
4	Diphtheria	—	—	—
5	Whooping Cough	—	—	—
6	Meningococcal infection	—	—	—
7	Acute poliomyelitis	—	—	—
8	Measles	—	—	—
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	—	—	—
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	—	—	—
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ..	7	—	7
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	1	2	3
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	1	1
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	6	11
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	1	2
16	Diabetes	1	1	2
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	11	24	35
18	Coronary disease, angina	15	12	27
19	Hypertension with heart disease ..	—	—	—
20	Other heart diseases	2	6	8
21	Other circulatory diseases	4	5	9
22	Influenza	—	—	—
23	Pneumonia	5	1	6
24	Bronchitis	5	1	6
25	Other diseases of respiratory system ..	1	—	1
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ..	—	—	—
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ..	—	—	—
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	—	1	1
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	—	—	—
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—	—
31	Congenital malformations	—	—	—
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	8	7	15
33	Motor vehicle accidents	—	—	—
34	All other accidents	1	5	6
35	Suicide	1	1	2
36	Homicide and operations of war ..	—	1	1
Total ..		68	75	143

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. Public Health Officers of the Authority

The names and qualifications are set out on page 3.

2. Mortuary

Thirty bodies were admitted during the year, the average length of stay was three days.

Accommodation continues to be inadequate in some respects.

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION

No action was taken during 1967.

HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT OF DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER FOR 1967 DIVISION No. 7

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1. GENERAL

The estimated populations of the areas are as follows:—

Harrogate Borough	60,720
Ripon City	..	..	11,520
Knaresborough Urban District	..	..	10,420
Nidderdale Rural District	..	..	17,250
Ripon and Pateley Bridge Rural District	..	..	13,510
Total	..	..	113,420

2. DIVISIONAL STAFF

Medical Officers:

N. V. Hepple, M.D., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H., Divisional Medical Officer.

Isobel B. Alexander, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Senior Departmental Medical Officer.

Mary Polson, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.Obst., R.C.O.G., Senior Departmental Medical Officer.

P. A. G. M. Ashmore, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Departmental Medical Officer.

A. W. I. Hall, M.B., B.Chir., Departmental Medical Officer.

*L. J. Prosser, M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H., Paediatrician.

*P. A. I. MacLeod, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S., Orthopaedic Surgeon.

*Rosemary Hawe, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., D.O., Ophthalmologist.

*W. S. Suffern, M.D., M.R.C.P., Cardiologist.

*Elizabeth Gore, M.D., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, Child Guidance Clinic.

Anastasia Holroyd, M.A., M.B., B.S.

Katherine H. Odling-Smee, M.B., Ch.B.

Marjorie Parsons, M.B., Ch.B.

Isobel Critchley, M.B., Ch.B.

} Clinic doctors
working on a
sessional basis

**Part-time from Regional Hospital Board.*

Speech Therapist	1
Child Guidance Staff (Part-time)	
Clinical Psychologist	1
Psychiatric Social Worker	1
Remedial Teacher	1
Clerical	1
Mental Health Service	
Senior Mental Welfare Officer	1
Mental Welfare Officers	3
Harrogate Training Centre	10
Harrogate Hostel	2
Dental Officers	
Mr. K. Cowell, L.D.S.	
Mr. M. Hattan, L.D.S.	
Mr. P. W. Thornton, L.D.S.	
Mr. G. A. Thompson, L.D.S. (Part-time, Orthodontic Consultant).	
Mr. R. F. Grainger, L.D.S. (Part-time)	
Mr. M. Hollings, L.D.S. (Part-time)	
Nursing Staff	
Divisional Nursing Officer	1
Health Visitors who are also school nurses	16
Health Visitors (part-time)	2
Health Visitor employed on Hospital Liaison Duties	1
Tuberculosis Health Visitor	1
Assistant Health Visitors	2
Assistant Health Visitors (Part-time)	4
Home Nurse	12
Home Nurse (part-time)	2
Home Nurse Midwives	11
Midwives	4
Administrative	
Chief Clerks (1 Harrogate Area, 1 Ripon Area)	2
Clerical	17
Sale of Food Assistants	
Part-time	2

Dental Assistants

Full-time	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Part-time	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3

Albany Avenue Day Nursery

Nursing Staff	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Domestic Staff	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3

Home Helps

Working whole-time	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Working part-time	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	178

Domestic Staff, Etc.

Cleaners (part-time)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Gardener (part-time)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cook, Harrogate Training Centre	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Maids, Harrogate Training Centre	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Escorts, Harrogate Training Centre	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Caretaker, Harrogate Training Centre	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

3. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

A. School Medical Inspections

Despite the increased number of medical inspections carried out during 1967, slightly less defects were found than in the previous year. Children requiring treatment for defective vision formed 41 % of the total defects.

Age Groups born	No. of pupils who have received a full medical examination	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected		No. of Pupils found not to warrant a medical examination	Pupils found to require treatment (excluding dental diseases and infestation with vermin)		
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory		For defective vision (excluding squint)	For any other condition recorded at Part II	Total Individual pupils
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1963 and later	4	4	—	—	—	1	1
1962	573	571	2	—	27	117	126
1961	790	785	5	—	27	113	113
1960	423	423	—	—	22	67	74
1959	642	642	—	—	56	88	123
1958	433	432	1	—	28	72	81
1957	189	189	—	—	13	23	34
1956	126	126	—	—	12	16	25
1955	48	48	—	—	10	8	17
1954	33	33	—	—	5	4	8
1953	162	162	—	—	28	28	49
1952 and earlier	774	774	—	—	112	113	167
TOTAL	4197	4189	8	—	340	646	818

B. Other Inspections

Number of Special inspections	..	..	..	..	292
Number of re-inspections	..	..	..	..	1,110
Total					1,402

C. Infestation with Vermin

- (a) Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by School Nurses or other authorised persons 19,898
- (b) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested 293
- (c) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944) 37
- (d) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54(3), Education Act, 1944) Nil

1.4% of the children examined were found to have dirty heads, compared with 1.2% in 1966, and 1.7% in 1965.

D. Periodic and Special Inspections

De- fect Code No.	Defect or Disease	Entrants		Leavers		Others		Total		Special Inspec- tions	
		(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)
4.	Skin ..	24	22	45	14	35	40	104	76	—	—
5.	Eyes										
	(a) Vision ..	54	35	12	76	174	199	340	310	6	7
	(b) Squint ..	19	10	5	1	19	17	43	28	—	—
	(c) Other ..	8	5	3	5	6	13	17	23	—	—
6.	Ears										
	(a) Hearing ..	4	50	—	7	6	86	10	143	1	5
	(b) Otitis Media	6	13	3	3	2	14	11	30	—	—
	(c) Other ..	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	2	1	—
7.	Nose and Throat..	27	53	11	11	30	58	68	122	—	—
8.	Speech ..	23	21	3	3	12	11	38	35	9	—
9.	Lymphatic Glands	—	8	—	—	—	7	—	15	—	—
10.	Heart ..	6	18	2	7	16	26	24	51	1	1
11.	Lungs ..	30	29	10	7	24	22	64	58	—	—
12.	Developmental:										
	(a) Hernia ..	—	6	—	1	8	1	8	8	—	—
	(b) Other ..	12	34	5	6	23	35	40	75	4	—
13.	Orthopaedic										
	(a) Posture ..	1	—	1	3	2	—	4	3	—	—
	(b) Feet ..	40	40	7	1	48	48	95	89	1	—
	(c) Other ..	8	13	3	6	22	18	33	37	—	—
14.	Nervous System:										
	(a) Epilepsy ..	1	1	1	2	4	3	6	6	—	—
	(b) Other ..	28	51	4	2	31	43	63	96	—	—
15.	Psychological:										
	(a) Development	1	6	1	1	6	12	7	19	22	14
	(b) Stability ..	2	16	1	1	5	20	8	37	7	2
16.	Abdomen ..	3	5	1	1	3	7	7	3	—	—
17.	Other ..	10	2	7	2	20	2	37	6	—	—

(T) Treatment.

(O) Observation.

Eye Diseases, Defective Vision and Squint

	Number of Cases known to have been dealt with
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint	11
Errors of refraction (including squint)	517
Total	528
Number of Pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed	328

Diseases and Defects of Ear, Nose and Throat

	Number of Cases known to have been dealt with
Received operative treatment—	
(a) for diseases of the ear	7
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis	70
(c) for other nose and throat conditions ..	20
Received other forms of treatment	11
Total	108

Total number of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids:—

(a) in 1967	2
(b) in previous years	9

Orthopaedic and Postural Defects

Number of pupils known to have been treated at clinics or out-patient departments	6
Pupils treated at school for postural defects ..	—

E. Handicapped Pupils

These are children who, by reason of physical or mental disability, need special educational treatment in ordinary or special schools.

269 children were on the register at the end of the year and the following table gives details:—

	In ordinary school	In special school	Not attending school	Home tuition
Blind	—	2	—	—
Partially sighted	5	5	2	—
Deaf	—	9	—	—
Partially deaf	7	5	—	—
Educationally sub-normal	113	38	2	—
Epileptic	2	—	—	—
Maladjusted	21	14	—	—
Physically handicapped ..	20	10	3	1
Delicate	3	—	—	—
Double defect	*3	*1	*3	—
Total	174	84	10	1

*6 E.S.N./Physically handicapped.

*1 E.S.N./Maladjusted.

F. Audiometry

During 1967 routine testing of six to seven year olds was continued. Health Visitors who had received special training in the use of the pure-tone audiometer visited schools in the Division.

Of 1,139 school children tested in this group, 18 were referred for further investigation. Health Visitors are also trained in the methods of testing the hearing of the pre-school child, particularly those with a history indicating a special risk.

4. SPEECH THERAPY

The Speech Therapist attends at Dragon Parade and Ripon Clinics. 53 new cases were treated during the year, and the treatment of 37 others was continued.

21 visits were paid to schools and 19 domiciliary visits were made.

5. CARDIAC CLINIC

29 new cases were referred to the Cardiac Clinic during 1967, 25 being for immediate review. 17 of the cases were from the Harrogate area, 6 from Ripon, 3 from Wetherby, 2 from Horsforth, and 1 from the North Riding area.

31 clinics were held during the year and 184 children made 215 attendances. Mr. G. H. Wooler, the Leeds Thoracic Surgeon, held two clinics at the Harrogate Hospital when 9 children were seen. 6 children were admitted to Killingbeck Hospital for operation, two of whom were for cardiac catheterisation, two for thoracotomy, one for valvotomy, and one for closure of patent ductus. 17 children were also seen at Leeds for further investigation or follow-up after previous operations.

4 children were discharged from the Cardiac Clinic during the year, two being transferred to the adult clinic and two being referred back to their own doctors.

6. CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC

During the year 116 new cases were seen. 85 boys and 31 girls. 95 of these were referred from Division 7, as follows:—

Divisional Medical Officer	..	..	42
General Practitioners	..	..	18
Head Teachers	..	..	8
Parents	..	..	13
Children's Officer	..	..	1
Children's Homes	..	..	8
Probation Officer	..	..	1
Paediatrician	..	..	1
Others	..	..	3
			<hr/> 95 <hr/>

7. CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

(a) Births

Return of Births Notified in the Divisional Area during the Year

DETAILS	BIRTHS				TOTAL
	Domiciliary		Institutional		
	Live	Still	Live	Still	
(a) Primary notifications	152	—	2079	22	2253
(b) Add Inward Transfers	4	—	225	4	233
(c) Total Notifications received	156	—	2304	26	2486
(d) Deduct Outward Transfers	3	—	682	10	695
(e) Total adjusted births	153	—	1622	16	1791
ANALYSIS OF INSTITUTIONAL BIRTHS					
Born in					
(a) Hospitals			1560	16	
(b) Maternity Homes			1	—	
(c) Nursing Homes			61	—	
TOTAL			1622	16	

The proportion of births taking place at home was only 9%, which was 3% less than for the previous year.

(b) Ante-Natal and Post Natal Clinics

Name and Address of Ante-natal/Post-natal Clinic (whether held at Infant Welfare Centre or other premises)	No. of separate sessions held during year					No. of women in attendance (including those seen at combined infant welfare & ante-natal sessions)		Total No. of attendances (including those seen at combined infant welfare and ante-natal sessions)	
	Local Health Authority Medical Officers	Midwives (excluding mothercraft & relaxation)	General practitioners employed on sessional basis	Hospital Med. Staff	Total	A/N	P/N	A/N	P/N
2, Dragon Parade, Harrogate	33	—	—	—	33	36	1	65	1
” ” ”	—	52	—	—	52	72	—	367	—
Iles Lane, Knaresborough	—	51	—	—	51	54	—	224	—
Totals	33	103	—	—	136	162	1	656	1

(c) Ante-Natal Mothercraft and Relaxation Classes.

Name and Address of Centre	No. of sessions held during the year		No. of women who attended during the year			Total number of attendances made during the year		
	Separate Sessions	Combined with normal ante-natal clinic sessions	Institutionally booked	Domiciliary booked	Total	Institutionally booked	Domiciliary booked	Total
Central Clinic, 2 Dragon Parade, Harrogate	167	—	182	1	183	1038	5	1043
217A Skipton Road, Harrogate ..	50	—	89	1	90	612	9	621
Fysche Hall, Iles Lane, Knaresbro' ..	36	—	45	2	47	182	7	189
All Saints' Church Hall, Upper Poppleton	19	—	10	6	16	36	30	66
Alma House, Ripon	24	—	30	—	30	197	—	197
Army Camp, Ripon	48	—	26	—	26	130	—	130
Menwith Hill	40	—	35	—	35	145	—	145
Totals	384	—	417	10	427	2340	51	2391

(d) Infant Welfare Centres

Name and Address of Centre	No. of Infant Welfare Sessions held during year by				No. of children who attended for the first time during the year and who were born in			Total No. of children who attended during the year	No. of attendances during the year made by children who were born in			Total attendances during the year	No. of children referred elsewhere	
	Local Health Authority Medical Officers	Health Visitors only	General practitioners employed on sessional basis	Hospital Medical Staff	Total	1967	1966		1962/1965	1967	1966			1962/1965
Central Clinic, Dragon Parade, Harrogate	100	—	—	—	100	213	149	106	468	1,571	1,100	329	3,000	—
St. John Ambulance H.Q., Starbeck	51	—	—	—	51	151	118	84	353	1,456	1,164	228	2,848	—
Skipton Road, Harrogate	—	35	48	—	83	240	233	191	664	2,787	2,114	484	5,385	—
Penny Pot Lane, Harrogate (Army premises)	—	25	—	—	25	26	11	8	45	130	110	39	279	—
St. Mark's Parochial Hall, Harrogate	—	—	24	—	24	44	48	32	124	320	480	130	930	—
Pannal Memorial Hall, Pannal, Harrogate	—	—	12	—	12	8	12	12	32	33	99	21	153	—
Methodist Buildings, College Rd., Harrogate	24	—	—	—	24	55	55	28	138	359	525	98	982	—
Fysche Hall, Iles Lane, Knaresborough	96	—	—	—	96	160	229	279	668	1,288	1,428	1,071	3,787	—
Methodist Sunday School, Boroughbridge	51	—	—	—	51	30	14	26	70	286	199	166	651	—
Village Hall, Whixley	24	—	—	—	24	2	16	20	38	24	94	98	216	—
Church Hall, Upper Poppleton	26	—	—	—	26	68	81	31	180	594	475	86	1,155	—
Alma House, Ripon	78	—	—	—	78	81	149	47	277	749	1,347	152	2,248	—
Army Camp, Ripon	—	25	—	—	25	71	51	23	145	414	353	121	888	—
Pateley Bridge...	—	—	24	—	24	27	15	25	67	109	96	114	319	—
Summerbridge	—	—	12	—	12	17	24	19	60	68	122	69	259	—
Mobile Clinic	157	—	244	—	401	163	185	216	564	819	752	649	2,220	—
Totals	607	85	364	—	1,056	1,356	1,390	1,147	3,893	11,007	10,458	3,855	25,320	—

In addition to these, the Mobile Clinic provides infant welfare centre services in the rural parts of the area, as follows:—

Aldfield	Tuesday	Monthly
Birstwith	Monday	„
Bishop Monkton	Friday	„
Bishop Thornton	Monday	„
Burnt Yates	Monday	„
*Burton Leonard	Friday	„
*Cattal	Wednesday	„
Copt Hewick	Tuesday	„
Darley	Monday	Fortnightly
*Follifoot	Wednesday	Monthly
Glasshouses	Monday	„
Galphay	Tuesday	„
*Grafton	Wednesday	„
Grantley	Tuesday	„
*Green Hammerton	Wednesday	„
Grewelthorpe	Tuesday	„
*Great Ouseburn	Wednesday	„
*Hampsthwaite	Friday	Fortnightly
Heyshaw Lane End	Monday	Monthly
*Hunsingore	Wednesday	„
Killinghall	Friday	Fortnightly
Kirby Malzeard	Tuesday	Monthly
*Kirk Hammerton	Wednesday	„
Lead Lane, Ripon	Friday	„
*Little Ouseburn	Wednesday	„
Lofthouse	Monday	„
Markington	Monday	„
Mickley	Tuesday	„
*Moor Monkton	Wednesday	„
North Leys	Tuesday	„
North Stainley	Tuesday	„
*Nun Monkton	Wednesday	„
Ramsgill	Monday	„
Ripon Army Camp	Tuesday	„
*Rufforth	Wednesday	„
Sawley	Tuesday	„
*Scotton	Friday	„
Shaw Mills	Monday	„
*Skelton	Tuesday	„
Studley	Tuesday	„
Winksley	Tuesday	„

*Welfare Foods are not sold at these sessions.

(e) Routine Tests on Young Babies

One type of mental defect is due to a metabolic disturbance which produces damage to the brain in early life. It is detectable by a simple test on the urine of young babies which is now done as a routine by the health visitors for the babies in their care.

1,566 children were tested, all with a negative result.

The health visitors and midwives also test young infants for congenital dislocation of the hip by the Ortolani test.

(f) Dental Care

The arrangements for dental treatment of expectant mothers and nursing mothers continue as before.

(g) Care of Unmarried Mothers and their Children

The unmarried girl who is having a baby is often desperately in need of expert help and advice. She needs to make arrangements for the confinement, and for her own rehabilitation and the care of her child afterwards.

Valuable work in this field is done by the Social Workers of the Ripon Diocesan Moral Welfare Association who work in close co-operation with the general practitioners, the health visitors, and the health department.

The County Council makes grants in approved cases towards the cost of institutional care before the confinement.

126 cases were dealt with by the Department during the year. 2 were under fifteen years of age, 46 were between the ages of fifteen and nineteen, 44 between twenty and twenty-four, 21 between twenty-five and twenty-nine, 11 between thirty and thirty-nine, and 2 were over forty.

(h) Care of Premature Infants

These small babies need special care to avoid injury from chilling. 3 special portable incubators and equipment are provided, based at Harrogate and Ripon. These incubators are electrically heated either by mains electricity or a 12 volt car battery. All ambulances in the area have been fitted with special plugs for this purpose. The Sorrento cots are still available.

(i) Albany Avenue Day Nursery

This nursery is open from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. from Monday to Friday. It accommodates the young children of mothers who are obliged to maintain themselves and their families by going out to work. The health of these children is supervised by the medical staff of the Department.

(j) Inspection of Children at Residential Nurseries and County Children's Homes

Medical inspections were carried out at the residential nurseries and County children's homes by the medical staff of the department. In addition, all children were examined on admission and discharge and any medical problems dealt with.

8. MIDWIFERY

Four whole-time domiciliary midwives and eleven home nurse-midwives were working in the Division at the end of 1967. They attended 148 home confinements during the year. In addition, 1,991 patients were delivered in hospital and 85 in private nursing homes.

The practice of allowing women to go home twenty-four or forty-eight hours after having their babies in hospital is increasing and the closest possible liaison is maintained between the staff of the hospital maternity departments and the local health authority midwives in order that the mother may be under continuous care. 265 patients were sent home at forty-eight hours; 240 patients after forty-eight hours but up to and including the fifth day and 406 patients after the fifth but before the tenth day.

Applications for maternity beds on social grounds are investigated by the domiciliary midwives. This has proved necessary owing to the shortage of accommodation in the maternity units of the Harrogate and Ripon Hospitals and the York Maternity Hospital.

The Obstetric Flying Squad was called out on 3 occasions during the year.

Medical Aid Notices

13 medical aid notices were issued by midwives during the year, all in respect of domiciliary cases. The following summary gives the conditions for which medical aid was sought:—

Pregnancy	..	..	—
Labour ..	..	..	1
Lying-in	..	..	6
The child	..	..	6

Analgesia

Analgesia was administered by County Council midwives to domiciliary patients as follows:—

Trilene ..	..	..	55
Pethidine	..	..	14
Trilene and Pethidine			52

9. HEALTH VISITING

18 full-time health visitors, 2 part-time health visitors, 2 full-time assistants to health visitor and 4 part-time assistants to health visitor were employed in the Division at the end of the year. Two of them did tuberculosis visiting and maintained liaison between the Health Department and the Chest Physicians. One was largely occupied with the admission and discharge of elderly people to hospitals, old people's homes and Part III accommodation, working closely with the Geriatric Unit at Knaresborough Hospital. Like the rest of the nursing staff, the health visitors work under the general direction of the Divisional Nursing Officer.

The following table shows categories of visits made:—

	No. of cases i.e., first visits	Total visits including first visits but excluding ineffective visits
1. Children born in 1967	1833	8211
2. Children born in 1966	1119	4299
3. Children born in 1962-65	2582	6293
4. Total number of children in lines 1—3	5534	18803
5. Persons aged 65 or over (excluding "domestic help only" visits)	1214	3825
6. Number included in line 5 who were visited at the special request of a general practitioner or hospital ..	689	—
7. Mentally disordered persons ..	48	217
8. Number included in line 7 who were visited at the special request of a general practitioner or hospital ..	30	—
9. Persons, excluding maternity cases, discharged from hospital (other than mental hospitals)	78	168
10. Number included in line 9 who were visited at the special request of a general practitioner or hospital ..	52	—
11. Number of tuberculous households visited (i.e. visits by health visitors not employed solely on tuberculosis work)	60	217
12. Number of households visited on account of other infectious diseases ..	50	54
13. Other cases	1051	2430

10. HOME NURSING

12 home nurses, 2 part-time home nurses, and 11 home nurse-midwives were nursing in the Division at the end of the year.

The following table gives classification of the work carried out:

Classification	No. of cases attended by Home Nurses during the year	No. of visits paid by Home Nurses during the year
Medical	1397	47129
Surgical	328	8350
Infectious diseases	23	1011
Tuberculosis	12	475
Maternal complications ..	84	656
Other	26	402
TOTALS ..	1870	58023

11. VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Protection is offered against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus, poliomyelitis, and smallpox. Vaccination against tuberculosis of children over the age of thirteen years is also undertaken.

(a) Vaccination of Persons under 16 years completed during 1967 Completed Primary Courses

Type of vaccine or dose	Year of Birth					Others under age 16	Total
	1967	1966	1965	1964	1960-1963		
Triple (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Whooping Cough)	649	815	47	24	51	16	1602
Diphtheria/Tetanus	20	12	3	1	22	29	87
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	19	19
Poliomyelitis	409	962	108	33	87	43	1642

Reinforcing Doses

Type of vaccine or dose	Year of Birth					Others under age 16	Total
	1967	1966	1965	1964	1960-1963		
Triple (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Whooping Cough)	—	18	17	5	430	19	489
Diphtheria/Tetanus	—	—	6	1	588	175	770
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tetanus	—	2	4	1	11	40	58
Poliomyelitis	—	1	—	1	976	207	1185

(b) Vaccination Against Smallpox

The numbers in different age groups vaccinated or re-vaccinated during the year are shown below:—

Age at Date of Vaccination	Under 1	1	2—4	5—15	Total
No. Vaccinated ..	143	755	183	73	1154
No. Re-vaccinated ..	—	—	8	58	66

(c) B.C.G. Vaccination

B.C.G. Vaccination was again offered to all children 13 years of age and over attending schools in the area.

The following are details of work carried out:—

1. No. of Medical Officers (including Divisional Medical Officer) approved to undertake B.C.G. Vaccination 5
2. Acceptances
 - (a) No. of children offered tuberculin testing and vaccination if necessary (whether the offer was made during the year or previously) 1,922
 - (b) No. of (a) found to have been vaccinated previously —
 - (c) No. of acceptances 1,146
 - (d) Percentage of acceptances 59.6%

3. Pre-Vaccination Tuberculin Test				
(a) No. of children 2(c) tested . . . . .	..	..	..	1046
(b) Result of Heaf Test: (i) Positive . . . . .	..	..	..	130
(ii) Negative . . . . .	..	..	..	872
(iii) Not ascertained . . . . .	..	..	..	44
(c) Percentage positive . . . . .	..	..	..	13.0%
4. Vaccination				
No. vaccinated following negative Heaf Test . . . . .	..	..	..	872

12. MENTAL HEALTH

(a) Mental Welfare

Harrogate Therapeutic Centre

The tenancy of a three-story house was obtained, and the Centre transferred to its new premises at 13, Dragon Parade, Harrogate, on the 10th July, 1967. As a result it was possible for the Centre to be open, with a mental welfare officer in charge, from 9.0 a.m. to 4.0 p.m. each day, from Monday to Friday, instead of only in the afternoons as formerly.

Most of the mornings are taken up in the preparation of the mid-day meal. The afternoons are spent in occupational therapy, such as mending, laundry, and reconditioning furniture, and in group discussions. On three afternoons per week, one of the Psychiatrists from Clifton Hospital attends to see discharged patients.

By the end of the year there was an approximate weekly attendance of 110, including 25 day patients. The kitchen and dining room had almost reached capacity, serving twenty meals per day.

Psychiatric Social Club

The Psychiatric Social Club continued to meet weekly at the Harrogate Training Centre.

Out-Patient Clinics

Out-Patient Clinics are held on Tuesday and Friday afternoons at the Harrogate Hospital and on Monday afternoons at the Ripon Hospital. A mental welfare officer attends.

Rehabilitation

2 patients under sixty, and 3 patients over sixty were rehabilitated in furnished accommodation.

(b) Harrogate Training Centre

Staff

Mr. J. W. Plant resigned his appointment as Senior Instructor to take up the post of Manager at the Kings Lynn Adult Training Centre. Mr. Roebuck was appointed as temporary Instructor to assist Mr. Rattray.

Trainees

The numbers on the Register are set out below:—

	27th Jan., 1967	31st Dec., 1967
Junior Wing	45	43
Adult Female Wing ..	14	17
Adult Male Wing ..	16	17
Special Care Unit ..	6	7

One girl from the Adult Female Wing obtained a residential post at the Royal Bath Hospital and another obtained a place at Botton Hall Village, which is a Rudolf Steiner establishment.

Outings

A full programme of outings was arranged during the year. Highlights included visits to Manchester Airport, Leeds Railway Station, York City, Porters (Selby) Ltd., Timber Yard, and Selby Abbey. Public transport was used whenever possible. Seaside visits were made, one class at a time, by minibus. The smaller groups giving greater freedom of activity.

Competitions

For the fourth year in succession the Centre was successful in the Yorkshire Regional Art Competition run by the National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children. The paintings were displayed in the Leeds Art Gallery and seven trainees won prizes.

Payments to Patients

The system of incentive pay for the trainees in the Adult Wings works well, and pay day is eagerly anticipated.

Adaptation of Premises.

A washbay for Class 1, containing washbasins and toilets, has been converted from the adjacent storeroom and outside storage shed. This unit is now self contained which is a great improvement. An alternative wooden shed has been provided in the grounds for the storage of outdoor apparatus.

Television and Record Library

Selected programmes for schools are viewed each week by the children in the Junior Wing. These are proving very beneficial. The Centre continues to be a member of the Harrogate Record Lending Library and records are changed fortnightly.

(c) Meadow Bank Hostel

Residents

Eight children live in the Hostel from Monday to Friday, returning to their own homes each weekend. They attend the Training Centre during the day. There has been one admission and one discharge during the year. The small girl who was discharged is now travelling to the Training Centre daily and a boy, aged ten, was admitted in her place, owing to the long term illness of his mother.

Leisure activities include outings and picnics in the Warden's car, train and bus rides, and a visit to the local pantomime. Birthdays, Christmas, and Bonfire Night are all celebrated with parties.

Short-stay Children

23 short-stay children were admitted during the holidays when the Training Centre was closed. Some of these children present quite a problem as many of them are completely strange to the staff and are of widely different age groups and capabilities. They are often just becoming adjusted to hostel life when it is time for them to return home.

Staff

The Assistant Warden left at the end of July. She had been very helpful indeed and we were lucky to secure a replacement of equal merit.

13. HOME HELP SERVICE

This service has shown a slight increase in the number of cases over the previous year, and 4,794 more hours were worked than in 1966.

6 full and 178 part-time home helps were employed, equivalent to 79 whole-time workers.

The following table gives details of the work undertaken for various categories of user:—

Category	No. of Cases	Employed Hours
Aged 65 or over	960	139,774
Under 65 years:—		
(a) Chronic Sick and tuberculous ..	88	18,403
(b) Mentally disordered	1	107
(c) Maternity	59	2,169
(d) Others	56	3,398
Totals ..	1,164	163,851

14. PREVENTION, CARE AND AFTER-CARE OF TUBERCULOSIS

The Chest Physicians hold sessions once a week at Scotton Banks Hospital, twice a week at Harrogate General Hospital and once a week at Ripon and District Hospital. The health visitors who do tuberculosis visiting attend the clinics at the Harrogate and Ripon Hospitals.

The Chest Physician reports regarding the Harrogate Area as follows:—

“During the year 1967, there were ten new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis notified, including one case which was re-notified after a period of quiescence. Four of these cases were infectious and five were new transfers in. 29 names were removed from the register, 17 being recovered, 5 transferred and 7 died—one of these being a new case recently notified during the year. Two new cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were also notified, one involving the renal tract and one involving glands. As a result of these new cases, 180 contacts were seen including home and work contacts.

Because of what appeared to be a rather high number of tuberculin positive children in a certain school at Harrogate, at the age of 13, 42 members of the teaching and domestic staff were examined but fortunately none showed any evidence of active disease.

Continued supervision in Out-Patient Clinics of about 80 already notified cases of tuberculosis was continued but the incidence of active infectious disease in the area is very low.

The Care Committee in the area has continued to give us very valuable help, financially and by backing our suggestions. Food parcels were given out to needy cases at Christmas and various families and patients have received help in the way of clothing, extra food and so on.

On the whole the situation as regards tuberculosis in the area appears to be reasonably under control. Sporadic new cases do occur but there is no relation between these and fortunately no secondary cases from these have been notified during the year”.

3 new cases were seen at Ripon Hospital but contacts were very limited and little preventive action was necessary. 1 case of pulmonary tuberculosis died and his name was removed from the Register.

15. CERVICAL CYTOLOGY

A screening test for the detection of cancer of the cervix was offered to all married women. Sessions were held twice weekly at Dragon Parade Clinic, Harrogate, and monthly at Alma House Clinic, Ripon. 1,354 women attended the Harrogate sessions and

there were 9 positive smears. At Ripon 259 women attended and there were 4 positive tests.

16. CHIROPODY

This service continued to be provided for old age pensioners, expectant mothers, and handicapped persons.

A direct service is in operation in the Borough of Harrogate and Ripon City. Indirect services provided in conjunction with voluntary bodies are worked in Knaresborough, Pateley Bridge, Boroughbridge, Nun Monkton, Burton Leonard, Whixley, Upper Poppleton and Kirby Malzeard.

17. REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES

There were 14 registered nursing homes in the Division at the end of the year. 24 visits of inspection were made.

18. REGISTRATION OF OLD PEOPLE'S HOMES

The 26 old people's homes registered in the area were visited in conjunction with the Divisional Welfare Officer.

19. CHILDREN NEGLECTED OR ILL-TREATED

11 meetings of the Co-ordinating Committee were held in Harrogate during the year.

Representatives of the Local Authority Health, Education and Welfare Departments, the N.S.P.C.C., the Ministry of Social Security, the Guild of Help, the Ripon Diocesan Social Responsibility Council, the Medical Social Workers and the Probation Officers attended the meetings held at the Clinic, 2 Dragon Parade.

At the end of the year, 21 families were on the list. 6 new cases were admitted to and 4 families were removed from the list during the year. One family was coping well and was no longer in need of supervision, the children of another had all been taken into care, and two families had left this area.

Three families had their rent guaranteed. Two of the families allow rent arrears to accumulate then make regular payments to clear the debt, before starting the cycle over again. The third family was at Brentwood Recuperative Centre, Marple, Cheshire, from the 21st December, 1966, to 3 February, 1967, when the mother and children unwillingly left at the father's insistence. He had been a disruptive influence ever since his arrival at the Centre from prison on the 23rd December, and he decided he would be better off financially if the family returned to Harrogate. They got into serious difficulty over rent shortly after their return, the husband refusing to

pay the rent because the tenancy was in his wife's name. He then left home. The large rent arrears have been cleared. His wife copes very much better when on her own.

20. MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF STAFF, ETC.

Medical examination of new staff is only carried out on those who have a significant medical history or who are over 45 years old, thus avoiding some unnecessary work for the medical staff.

Medical examinations were carried out as follows:—

West Riding County Council	..	..	..	..	36
District Councils	..	..	..	..	84
Other authorities	..	..	..	..	13
Applicants for Teachers Training Colleges	..	..	..	..	114
Children for employment (including entertainment)	..	..	..	..	41

21. HEALTH EDUCATION

Relaxation classes are held in many Clinics and have also been started in the Ripon Army Camp and the U.S. Base, Menwith Hall.

Talks have been given by various members of the medical and nursing staff to schools, mothers, clubs, Girl Guides, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Friendship Clubs for old people, Inner Wheel, Women's Institutes, a nurses training school, a teachers' training college, and at the Army Apprentices' School.

Films have been shown to various youth clubs.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

In the West Riding this is a separate service. The Ambulance Station is at Harrogate under the charge of a Superintendent Ambulance Officer. In both Ripon and Pateley Bridge there are sub-depots which are manned by the respective divisions of the St. John Ambulance Brigade which give stirring service. Short wave wireless control is held throughout the Division.

HOSPITALS UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

Name	Situation	Purpose	Beds	
			Adults	Children
Harrogate & District General Hospital	Knaresborough Rd., Harrogate	Medical, Surgical, Maternity	234	25
Carlton Lodge	Leeds Road, Harrogate	Maternity	13	—
Royal Bath Hospital	Cornwall Road, Harrogate	Rheumatic Diseases	130	—
White Hart Hospital	Cold Bath Road, Harrogate	do.	130	—
Yorkshire Home	Cornwall Road, Harrogate	Chronic Sick Cases	77	—
Heatherdene Convalescent Hospital	Wetherby Road, Harrogate	Convalescent Cases	38	—
Dunelm Hospital	Cornwall Road, Harrogate	Temporarily closed	22	—
Ripon & District Hospital	Firby Lane, Ripon	Medical, Surgical, Maternity	48	7
St. Wilfrid's Hospital	Princess Road, Ripon	Chronic Sick	32	—
Thistle Hill Hospital	Thistle Hill, Knaresborough	Geriatrics	34	—
Scotton Banks Hospital	Ripley Road, Knaresborough	Paediatrics	—	21
Do.	do.	General Surgery	27	—
Do.	do.	Gynaecology	26	—
Do.	do.	Dis. of Chest	96	—
Do.	do.	Young Chronic Sick	34	—
Do.	do.	Medical	22	—
Do.	do.	Private Wing Sect. 5	16	—
Do.	do.	do. Sect. 4	8	—
Knaresborough Hosp.	Stockwell Road, Knaresborough	Chronic Sick	132	—

Prevalence and Control over Infectious and Other Diseases. Number of cases originally notified during the year ended 31st December, 1967, and of final numbers after correction of diagnosis, etc.

	Scarlet Fever		Whooping Cough		Acute Poliomyelitis			Measles (excl. Rubella)		Diphtheria		Dysentery		Meningococcal infection	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	Non-Paralytic	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Nos. originally notified:															
Total (all ages)	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	95	98	—	—	—	—	—	—
Final numbers after correction:															
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 year	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	4	13	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	11	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	15	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	11	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-9 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44	45	—	—	—	—	—	—
10-14 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-24 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total (all ages)	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	95	98	—	—	—	—	—	—

Prevalence and Control over Infectious and Other Diseases.—*cont.*

	Acute Pneumonia		Smallpox		Acute Encephalitis				Typhoid Fever		Paratyphoid Fever	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Nos. originally notified: Total (all ages)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Final numbers after correction:												
Under 5 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-14 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-44 „	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45-64 „	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total (all ages)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Prevalence and Control over Infectious and Other Diseases—*cont.*

	Erysipelas		Food Poisoning		Other notifiable diseases	Original notification		Final Numbers	
	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F
Nos. originally notified: Total (all ages)	—	—	—	—	Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—
Final numbers after correction:					Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—
Under 5 years	—	—	—	—	Anthrax	—	—	—	—
5-14 years	—	—	—	—					
15-44 "	—	—	—	—					
45-64 "	—	—	—	—					
65 and over	—	—	—	—					
Age unknown	—	—	—	—					
TOTAL (all ages)	—	—	—	—					

Scarlet Fever

There was no case of Scarlet Fever notified during 1967, compared with 8 during the previous year.

Measles

193 notifications were received compared with 80 during the previous year. This gave a notification rate of 16.8 per 1,000 population.

Whooping Cough

1 case was notified compared with none the previous year.

Tuberculosis

1 new pulmonary case was notified in an adult male. The notification rate was 0.09 per 1,000 population.

The following tables give details from the Tuberculosis Register:

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M	F	M	F	
Number on Register at 1st January 1967	15	8	1	1	25
New notifications in 1967	1	—	—	—	1
Number restored to register ..	—	—	—	—	—
Number added to Register otherwise than by notification	—	—	—	—	—
Number removed from Register in 1967	—	—	—	—	—
Number on Register at 31st December, 1967	16	8	1	1	26

Age and Sex of New Cases and Deaths from Tuberculosis:—

Ages	New Cases				Cases removed from Register due to death			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—14 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—24 „	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—44 „	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—64 „	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Cancer

24 deaths were attributed to cancer, giving a death rate of 2.08 per 1,000 population.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1967

Mr. Mayor, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

The year 1967 was again a difficult one for the Department. There was no permanent help either for meat inspection or other duties until Mr. P. Rothwell took up duties as Meat Inspector on the 6th March. Shortly afterwards your Public Health Inspector was taken ill and did not return to work until the 14th August.

During my absence, Mr. Parker, Chief P.H.I. Ripon & Pateley Bridge R.D.C. supervised Departmental work with the invaluable assistance of Mrs. Hague. We are indebted to both of them for a job very well done.

For the remainder of the year 1967 there were no new ventures in the realms of housing, etc. First inspections under the Offices, Shops, etc. Act fell behind schedule as did other routine work.

The Drott tractor was out of commission for several weeks undergoing repairs.

In an effort to reduce costs of printing, the Public Health Inspector's part of the Report has been considerably curtailed. More detailed reports will be prepared for the Committee if this is desired.

Your obedient Servant,

W. L. INGHAM,

Public Health Inspector.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Frequency

A weekly collection is made from households and most business premises. In the case of certain cafes and hotels, refuse is collected two or three times a week and daily from some larger hotels and the Training College during term.

Domestic Storage

The method of domestic storage is generally by galvanised bins collected from the rear of the premises by the Corporation collectors.

Paper Sacks

The use of paper sacks continues successfully. Most of the Corporation houses and flats have been supplied with galvanised head units and as a result time on refuse collection is reduced.

Each year there is an increasing number of private householders being converted from dust bins to paper sacks.

Trade Refuse

This refuse is collected along with household refuse. A charge of £1 per bin per year is made for collection. Income for the year amounted to £170.

Vehicles

Three vehicles are used on refuse collection and one on the collection of salvage material from trade and industrial premises. Additional haulage is hired as necessary.

Staff

13 men are normally employed as follows:

Foreman

1 tip attendant (also driver of the Drott tractor)

4 vehicle drivers

6 collectors

1 salvage baler

In addition to his duties with refuse collection and salvage, the foreman also carries out the practical work of pests destruction and occasional spraying after infectious and other diseases.

Protective Clothing

Two sets of overalls per man are provided each year. Waterproof coats and trousers are also provided. Gum boots are also provided for bad weather and for tip work.

Refuse Disposal

During January, 1967, a Drott tracked vehicle commenced work at the tip. Previously two men were employed. This is proving of immense value in consolidating the very light refuse now being produced. Unfortunately, faults developed and the machine was out of commission several weeks.

Refuse is tipped in shallow layers of about 3 feet. Sample loads of refuse are weighed and used to calculate an annual figure. During 1967 some 3,912 tons of refuse were deposited.

Occasional fires—caused usually by trespassers—were extinguished by our own men using the Drott tractor and hose pipes borrowed from the Fire Authority and attached to a fire hydrant on Harrogate Road.

Refuse is accepted from Ripon Military Camp and other refuse is accepted from private individuals. A charge is made in each case.

The net cost of refuse collection and disposal for the financial year 1967/8 was £14,423.

Salvage

The collection of waste paper salvage continued at a high level. Total income from all salvage was £2,655.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Clean Air Act, 1956

The City of Ripon is not in a 'black' area therefore no smoke control orders have been made. Smoke nuisance from factory chimneys is negligible. The bulk of smoke is from domestic chimneys.

There are no facilities for recording atmospheric pollution in Ripon.

Nuisances are occasionally caused by the burning of paint works waste materials and the burning out of old vehicles to reclaim the metal.

SWIMMING BATHS

Spa Baths

The Spa swimming bath continues to be a popular attraction. The water is subjected to a continuous process of filtration, chlorination and heating. Quality has been good. Improvements are being made to the hygienic arrangements.

Grammar School

This swimming bath is used only by the Grammar School. It is an indoor pool, filtered, chlorinated and heated. The water standard is good.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS

Houses

Repairs	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
Closing, demolition, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	133
Infestations (rats, flies, etc.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	172
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..	43

General

Movable dwellings	..	..	..	..	..	..	74
Factories	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Offices, shops, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
Nuisances	..	..	..	..	..	..	25

Food

Dairies, Ice Cream	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Shops and stalls	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Cafes	..	..	..	..	..	..	12

SHOP PREMISES

Shops Act, 1950

Ripon, being a municipal borough, has the responsibility of administering this Act which deals mainly with closing hours and conditions of employment.

Number of inspections, 1967..	..	..	..	..	6
Unsatisfactory conditions	..	..	..	..	4
Unsatisfactory conditions remedied	..	..	..	..	4

Offices, Shops, etc., Act, 1963

Premises registered 31.12.67	..	..	..	..	193
First (general) inspections	..	..	..	..	99
Persons employed	..	..	..	..	913

Apart from checking up on outstanding notices no progress was made during the year 1967. Inspections already made indicate the necessity of vigorous action to obtain compliance with the Act.

MOVABLE DWELLINGS

Approved Sites

Three residential sites are approved as follows:

- (a) Palace Road .. 22 caravans
- (b) Little Studley Road .. 50 „
- (c) Boroughbridge Road .. 31 „

sites (b) and (c) are in process of extension and improvement. Difficulty is experienced in maintaining satisfactory conditions.

Unofficial Sites

The usual difficulty was experienced on numerous occasions throughout the year of itinerant scrap metal, etc., dealers with caravans using vacant land—mostly around the Lickley Street area. Nuisance and annoyance invariably caused by fouling of sites and requests to nearby householders for water, etc.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

There are no offensive trades registered within the City.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Four licences were issued during 1957.
Conditions were satisfactory.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961, as follows:—

Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspections for the purpose of the provisions as to health:—

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority ..	59	6	2	Nil
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority ..	31	8	3	Nil
(3) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	—	—	—	—
Total ..	90	14	5	Nil

2. Cases in which Defects were found:—

	Found	Remedied	Referred to or by H.M. Inspector	Prosecutions
Want of Cleanliness Sec. 1	2	2	—	—
Drainage of floors Sec. 6	1	1	1	—
Sanitary Conveniences Sec. 6				
(a) Insufficient	1	1	—	—
(b) Unsuitable	2	2	—	—
Total	6	6	1	Nil

The number and types of factories are as follows:

Structural Steel	..	..	..	..	..	1
Concrete Products	..	..	..	..	..	3
Paint & Varnish	..	..	..	..	..	3

Sawmills	2
Furniture Manufacture	2
Bakehouses	7
Slaughterhouses	1
Meat Products	5
Dry cleaning	2
Tailoring	1
Agricultural engineering	4
Motor vehicle repairs	14
Electrical, etc., repairs	9
Laundries	4
Footwear repairs	2
Cycle repairs	3
Poultry processing	2
Maltsters	1
Chemical Feed	1
Water engineering	1
Burling and mending	2
Monumental Masons	3
Printing	1
Transfer Depots	3
Tyre fitting	1
Photography	2
Handicrafts	2
Potato cleaning, etc.	1
Wool grading	1
Canteens	4
Aerated waters.	1
Fudging	1

PESTS DESTRUCTION

(a) Rats and Mice

Difficulty was experienced in the destruction of mice. Several premises both domestic and trade became well infested. As in previous cases, Warfarin proved ineffective and success was only achieved by change of bait persistently applied.

	<i>Rats</i>	<i>Mice</i>
Infested premises	17	20
Visits, re-visits, etc.	51	85

(b) Insects

As in previous years assistance has been given in cases of excessive infestations of ants, flies, wasps, red mites, etc.

BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN THE CITY

(1)	Cleansing of Footways and Pavements	..	..	1907
(2)	Prevention of Nuisances	..	..	1907
(3)	Good Rule and Government	..	..	1908
(4)	Common Lodging Houses	..	..	1909
(5)	Cemeteries	..	..	1923
(6)	Baths and Wash-houses	..	..
(7)	Tents, Vans and Sheds	..	..	1923
(8)	Smoke Abatement	..	..	1931
(9)	Gypsy Encampments and Caravan Dwellers	..		1933
(10)	Fouling of Footways by Dogs	..	..	1933
(11)	Handling, etc., of Food	..	..	1950
(12)	Refuse Removal	..	..	1951
(13)	Building Byelaws	..	..	1957
(14)	Cycling on Footpaths	..	..	1964
(15)	Hairdressers and Barbers Registration	..	..	1965
(16)	Removal of Mud, etc., from Wheels of Vehicles	..		1965
(17)	Control of Dogs on Roads. No. 1 Order	..	..	1965
(18)	Pleasure Grounds—Obscene language	..	..	1967

HOUSING

New dwellings

Houses erected by the Corporation	..	..	..	Nil
Flats erected by the Corporation	..	..	..	Nil
Houses by private enterprise	..	..	..	94
Number of dwellings in the City:				
December 31st, 1966	..	..	..	3,599
Add 1967 units	..	..	..	94
				<hr/> 3,693
Deduct demolitions, etc.	..	..	..	<hr/>44
Number of dwellings 31.12.67	..	..	..	<hr/>3,649

This figure includes caravans and houses in multiple occupation and therefore does not necessarily agree with the number of dwellings shown elsewhere in the Report.

Clearance Areas

The table below shows progress from the resumption of slum clearance in 1953 to the end of 1967.

Area	Confirmation by Ministry	Number of houses	Families re-housed to 31.12.67
(1) Allhallowgate/Finkle St. C.P.O.	3. 5.54	36	36
(2) Bondgate C.P.O.	3. 2.55	24	24
(3) Bondgate Green Lane C.P.O.	19. 2.55	4	4
(4) Bondgate Green Lane Clearance Order	24. 2.55	4	4
(5) King Street Clearance Order	3. 2.56	22	22
(6) Blossomgate/Church Lane C.P.O.	20.11.59	30	30
(7) Bondgate No. 2 C.P.O. ..	26. 1.60	6	6
(8) St. Marygate C.P.O. ..	3. 2.61	18	18
(9) Priest Lane/St. Marygate C.P.O.	24. 8.61	10	10
(10) Blossomgate Clearance Order	18. 8.61	6	6
(11) Somerset Row C.P.O. ..	6.12.63	13	13
(12) Water Skellgate C.P.O. ..	23. 7.63	6	6
(13) Skellgarths C.O.	30. 7.63	4	4
(14) Lickley St. C.P.O.	13.11.63	18	18
(15) Borrage Green Lane C.O.	23. 7.63	3	3
(16) Bedern Bank C.P.O. ..	23. 3.65	3	3
(17) Bondgate No. 6 C.P.O. ..	7. 9.64	7	7
(18) Low St. Agnesgate C.P.O...	2. 9.64	5	5
(19) Stonebridgegate No. 6 C.P.O.	11. 9.64	1	1
(20) Barefoot St. C.P.O. ..	15. 9.64	5	5
(21) Brewery Lane C.P.O. ..	26.11.65	6	6
(22) Bondgate C.P.O. (85-90) ..	24. 8.66	6	4
(23) Skellbank C.O.	30.11.66	8	4
(24) Bondgate C.P.O. (45-62) ..	9. 4.68	18	—
(25) Coltsgate Hill C.P.O. ..	8. 4.68	8	2
		271	241

Individual Unfit Houses

During 1957 the following houses were dealt with as individuals as distinct from clearance areas:

8 Low St., Agnesgate	Closing Order.
21 Ure Bank Top	Court Order to render safe.
11a Park Street	Undertaking not to relet.
16 North Road	Basement and 2nd floor flats Closing Orders.

A closing order on 10 Low Skellgate was revoked after the house had been made fit.

The following Table gives a summary of action in respect of individually unfit houses from 1953 to December, 1967:

Number Reported to Council	Undertakings from owners to close	Closing Orders	Demolition Orders	Made Fit
156	45	63	36	19

Improvement of older houses

Much work is required in the repair and improvement of many of the older houses. The system of grants is having some effect but mainly for owner-occupied houses. A survey of the older houses is a 'must' to ascertain the extent of the problem in detail.

Improvement Areas

The three improvement areas comprise 95 houses of which 54 originally required the provision of improved amenities. To the end of 1967 some 36 houses had been improved to the required standard, all with the aid of grants.

FOOD INSPECTION

Milk

No samples were taken during 1967.

The usual small number of complaints were received regarding dirty bottles. In all cases the deposit was sterile and apart from drawing the attention of the milk producer to the necessity of destroying such bottles, no further action was necessary.

Ice Cream

There is one producer in the City. His methods of manufacture, premises and vehicles are satisfactory.

65 premises are registered for the sale of ice cream.

No samples were taken

Food Premises

Unfortunately, inspection of food premises was well below standard. Some progress was made in the hygienic arrangements of several shops and bakehouses.

Market Stalls

Verbal comment is made almost weekly to stallholders in respect of contraventions of the rules governing open air food stalls.

New Regulations came into force in January, 1967, and constant supervision is required to ensure reasonable compliance.

Other Food

At the request of traders 17 certificates were issued in respect of 195 lbs. 9 ozs. of canned ham.

Meat Inspection

Mr. P. Rothwell, Authorised Meat Inspector, is coping very efficiently with this necessary but unpleasant duty. During his absences help has been given by Mr. Andrews, Knaresborough, Mr. Coope, Harrogate and a Veterinary Surgeon from Ministry of Agriculture, Leeds.

The maximum fees are charged for all types of animals.

Messrs. Arnold & Dennison have requested payment for use of office by the meat inspector. This is under consideration by the Council.

There is close liaison between the Council's officers and officers of the Ministry of Agriculture in respect of carcasses affected by tuberculosis.

Slaughterhouses

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in the City. The principal one is operated by a firm of wholesalers, meat being exported from Ripon to markets at Leeds, Newcastle and Sunderland. Officers of the Ministry of Agriculture make annual inspections and in respect of one slaughterhouse, certain repairs and improvements were requested.

Slaughtermen's licences

Number issued during 1967 15

Slaughtering and Condemnations (At both slaughterhouses)

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
No. of animals killed and inspected	3,295	107	6,850	10,544	20,796
All diseases except T.B. (whole carcasses condemned)	28	21	145	169	363
Parts of carcasses or organs condemned	1,690	4	925	1,969	4,588
Percentage affected	51.3	3.7	13.5	18.6	22.0
Tuberculosis only Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	3	3
Parts of carcasses or organs condemned	14	—	—	100	114
Percentage affected	0.4	—	—	0.9	0.6

The causes of meat condemnation for the year 1967 were as follows:

	lbs.	%
Local T.B.	1,269	1.96
Distomatosis	17,782	27.36
Oedema	3,544	5.47
Abscess	3,416	5.27
Fever	953	1.47
Bruising and Damage	4,427	6.83
Osteomyelitis	20	.03
Strongylosis	347	.53
Inflammation	64	.09
Pneumonia	1,076	1.66
Necrosis	2,157	3.23
Pleurisy	1,568	2.42
Moribund	951	1.47
Nephritis	59	.90
Cysts	158	.24
Septicaemia	2,329	3.58
Jaundice	561	.86

Emaciation	..	..	..	..	..	6,145	9.39
Joint Ill	..	..	..	..	..	54	.08
Arthritis	..	..	..	..	..	2,937	4.43
Haemorrhage	..	..	..	..	..	684	1.05
Peritonitis	..	..	..	..	..	1,189	1.82
Erysipelas	..	..	..	..	..	510	.78
Pyæmia	..	..	..	..	..	5,762	8.80
Malformation	..	..	..	..	..	101	.15
Angiomatosis	..	..	..	..	..	557	.85
Uraemia	..	..	..	..	..	599	.92
C.Bovis	..	..	..	..	..	231	.35
Anaemia	..	..	..	..	..	291	.44
Mastitis	..	..	..	..	..	1,346	2.07
Immaturity	..	..	..	..	..	258	.40
Enteritis	..	..	..	..	..	89	.13
Toxaemia	..	..	..	..	..	2,682	4.04
Pericarditis	..	..	..	..	..	317	.49
Actinomycosis	..	..	..	..	..	158	.24
Fatty Degeneration	..	..	..	..	..	33	.05
Malignant Neoplasms	..	..	..	..	..	112	.15

Total .. 27 tons 19 cwts. 47 lbs.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

A full-time attendant is employed for the men's conveniences and a woman part-time for the ladies' conveniences.

All the conveniences were subjected to the usual misuse which included:

- defacing the walls and doors,
- removing pull chains and hand basin plugs,
- wrenching soap containers off walls,
- damaging weighing machines,
- damaging ceiling tiles, etc., etc.

The persons responsible show a complete and utter disregard for the value of public property. If caught they deserve a more severe punishment than a simple fine.

The bus station conveniences are in urgent need of improvement.

REGISTRATION OF HAIRDRESSERS AND BARBERS

West Riding County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951, Section 120

This section of the Act has been adopted by the City Council and model byelaws have also been adopted. The standard of hygiene is reasonably good. The number of registrations during 1967 was 19.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

One of the provisions of the above Act requires local authorities to make arrangements for the burial or cremation of any person for whom satisfactory arrangements would not otherwise be made.

No action was required during 1967.

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